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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

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1. (Once Amended) An illuminating weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate two confronting surfaces, the confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the weatherseal, comprising:

(a) an elongate elastomeric body selected to attach to one of the confronting surfaces, the elastomeric body including a sealing portion being spaced from a remaining confronting surface in the open position of the confronting surfaces and contacting the remaining confronting surface in the closed position of the confronting surfaces, the elastomeric body including a seating channel extending along a longitudinal dimension of the elastomeric body; and

(b) a light line disposed in the seating channel.

2. The weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the light line emits light along a path defining a non zero angle with the longitudinal dimension.

3. The weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the elastomeric body includes a carrier portion.

4. The weatherseal of Claim 3, wherein the carrier portion includes a reinforcing member.